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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARD HOLBROOKE

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SUBJECT: HOLBROOKE TRIP: INFORMATION ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
BILL

PLEASE DELIVER OPENING OF BUSINESS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

1. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS BILL PASSED HOUSE
OCTOBER 18 AND SENATE OCTOBER 19 AND NOW WILL GO TO PRE-
SIDENT FOR SIGNATURE.

2. FINAL VERSION OF BILL BANS DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VIET-
NAM, LAOS, CAMBODIA, MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA AND UGANDA. IT
DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON INDIRECT
ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO CHAIR-
MAN LONG PROMISING THAT "I SHALL INSTRUCT THE U.S. EXECU-
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TIVE DIRECTORS IN THE BANKS TO OPPOSE AND VOTE AGAINST,
THROUGHOUT FY 1978, ANY LOANS TO THE SEVEN COUNTRIES MEN-
TIONED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENTS" WAS READ INTO RECORD DURING
DEBATE IN BOTH HOUSES.

3. IN HOUSE DEBATE, CHAIRMAN LONG STATED, "I WILL BE
WRITING A LETTER TO THE VARIOUS BANKS, PARTICULARLY TO THE

WORLD BANK AND THE IDA, WARNING THEM THAT IF ANY MONEY IS PROVIDED TO THESE COUNTRIES OR IF ANY AID IS GIVEN NOTWITHSTANDING THE DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT TO VOTE AGAINST SUCH ASSISTANCE, THE CONGRESS WILL TAKE A VERY SERIOUS VIEW OF THIS CONDUCT. I AM ASKING THEM TO REGARD THIS AS A WARNING NOT TO GIVE THE LOANS TO THESE COUNTRIES. IF THEY DO, IT WILL BE AT THEIR OWN RISK, AND THEN IT WILL BE UP TO THE CONGRESS IN THE NEXT SESSION TO JUDGE THE ACTIONS THEY HAVE TAKEN IN LIGHT OF THIS CRITICISM." WHILE LONG'S COMMENTS DO NOT BIND THE U.S. CONGRESS TO ANY PARTICULAR ACTION, THEY DO INDICATE THE ATTITUDE HE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL TAKE TO THE BANKS IN THE COMING YEAR.

4. DURING HOUSE DEBATE, CONGRESSMAN YOUNG TOOK FAIRLY MILD POSITION AGAINST THE COMPROMISE BILL, POINTING OUT THAT WHILE HE STILL WANTED "INDIRECT" LANGUAGE INCLUDED, HE FELT GOOD PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE DIRECTION OF ACHIEVING MORE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR U.S. FUNDS SPENT IN THE BANKS. DURING THE DEBATE, MRS. SMITH STRONGLY ATTACKED AID TO VIET-NAM, POINTING OUT ROLE OF BANKS AND UNDP IN CHANNELING MONEY TO VIET-NAM. SEVERAL STATEMENTS WERE READ INTO RECORD DURING DEBATE (BUT NOT GIVEN ORALLY) INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVE WEISS' REMARKS REGRETTING OUR FAILURE TO SUPPORT THE UN RESOLUTION ON AID TO VIET-NAM AND A STATEMENT BY SONNY MONTGOMERY QUESTIONING WHETHER THE BAN ON FOREIGN OR RECONSTRUCTION AID TO VIET-NAM WHICH HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPPORTS IS REALLY MEANT TO APPLY TO HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE SUCH AS MEDICINES AND FOOD.

6. IN END BILL PASSED HOUSE BY VERY CLOSE VOTE OF 229 TO 195. VOTE ESPECIALLY CLOSE IN LIGHT OF INTENSIVE EXECUTIVE BRANCH EFFORTS, LONG/HARKIN SUPPORT FOR BILL, AND RELATIVELY MILD YOUNG OPPOSITION.

7. COMPROMISE ON PHILIPPINE MILITARY ASSISTANCE WAS RETAINED AND ASSISTANCE TO THE PHILIPPINES WILL BE LIMITED TO "NOT MORE THAN" \$18 MILLION GRANT, \$18.5 MILLION FMS CREDITS AND \$.7 MILLION TRAINING.

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